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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/075,373  
Applicants : SOBOLESKI, D.A., *et al.*  
Filed : February 15, 2002  
Art Unit : 3732  
Title : Method and Device for Treating Scoliosis  
Confirmation No. 4280  
Examiner : RAMANA, A.  
Agent Ref. No. : 1999-012-02US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir,

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 4, 2005, setting a three-month period for reply. A Petition for Extension of Time of two months, and Fee Transmittal, are being filed simultaneously herewith. Applicants wish to amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.